

ILLUSTRATED
WEEKLY HERALD.THE FOURTH OF JULY,
AND THE
PORTRAIT OF
POPE OF ROME.

This interesting sheet will be ready at 9 o'clock, this morning. Price six cents, with or without wrappers. It will contain the latest news from Europe and Mexico, likewise the debate on the tariff of 1842 and the vote on its modification; a correct copy of the bill passed in the House; a biography of the deceased Pope, Gregory XVI., with an accurate portrait, from the painting in the Vatican, by Paul Delarocque, accompanied by a full account of his death.

This number will also be embellished with an engraving representing a rich scene opposite the Park, on the Fourth of July; and a full compend of commercial, monetary, and miscellaneous intelligence of the week, &c., &c.

DOLITS IN CONGRESS.

The Warehousing Bill was debated at some length in the Senate, and on motion of Mr. Webster, it was recommitted to the Committee on Commerce for the purpose of remedying some of the defects of the bill proposed. The bill will probably pass.

In the Senate, the Graduation Bill was under debate, but very little progress was made in the disposal of it. It came very near being lost, but the vote was reconsidered, and the bill will probably be the order of the day until disposed of in some way.

There was not much other business done in either House, and the session appears to drag along as slowly as ever.

English Influence on the Western Continent—What does it amount to?

The more closely we view the course of late diplomatic controversies, between our own and the British Cabinet, with reference to the adjustment of the Oregon boundary, the more evident it seems to be, that, although England may still be inclined to uphold the monarchical system of balance of power in the East, yet on the Western continent her hopes for the ultimate success of her theory are rapidly passing away with every incident tending to the development of American energy and American resources. In order to arrive at a just conclusion as to the extent of British dominion and influence, we must take a dispassionate view of not only the Northern, but also of our Southern continent, which, in the whirlpool of the Oregon and Mexican excitement, seems to have been entirely overlooked. We shall find that in reality England's strongholds in North America are slipping gradually, but surely, from her power; and south of British Guiana she has not now, nor has she the probability of ever possessing, one inch of territory, while her diplomatic influence is unquestionably diminishing, not only in the young and prosperous republics, but also in the vast Empire of Brazil.

Whatever stand is taken to show the appearance of obstinate resistance, England must feel that the struggle is not far distant, when opposition to the total expulsion of her armies from this continent will be useless. Clothed in her mantle of aristocratic pride and power, she may turn to the last unmovable base to the march of republicanism, but her resistance, though it may dignify, will not lessen her fall.

The frequent arrival of reinforcements in Canada have been accounted for by her precarious situation in respect to the States; but more probably under the mask of protection, the British government is concentrating a force, deemed sufficient to suppress the first symptoms of any insurrection, which, from the murmurs borne across the sea, they perhaps anticipate. The feeling of discontent under the yoke of the mother country, always on the increase, has not been diminished by many late acts of the English Parliament, especially those relative to the corn laws.

Members of the Provincial Legislature openly declare the latter measure to be the ruin of the Canadian provinces; they decry the action of government at home as sacrificing her colonies; the ministry is disgraced, and some of the hitherto staunch royalists look with other feelings than repugnance upon the prospect of independence, or even annexation. If this be so, another attempt at a so-called rebellion will not be attempted by a mal-disaffected, undisciplined body of French habitants, joined to a few frontier smugglers; but the Anglo-Canadian, and the Franco-Canadian will unite in an irresistible effort to extricate themselves from foreign subjugation.

The compromise of the Oregon boundary at the parallel of 49, is, in fact, but a temporary indulgence to British occupation. It is, settling aside all political considerations, but the allowing of a point of etiquette, or at most the sacrifice of the present in the security of the future. The tide of emigration, ever rolling from the European shores, finds its barrier not in the waves of the Pacific, and in its passage over republican soil, loses every vestige of monarchical prejudice. The new settlers of American land will never submit to foreign jurisdiction; either the whole territory west of the mountains will unite in the formation of an independent republic, or be added to our own extended domain. The idea of the English arm of power, stretched over the American Republic, to guide the destinies of the settler who breathes the very air of freedom, is too preposterous to be for a moment entertained. So surely, then, as with the progress of time moves the march of mind, so surely will the Canadas, probably before the present generation has passed away, be withdrawn from the domination of foreign power; and as time compels the settlement of the Oregon territory, north of 49, by the hand of the democratic pioneer, and of the emigrant fleeing from oppression, the last traces of England's rule are swept away forever from the Northern Continent of America.

In South America, Great Britain has a slender foothold. The tract called English Guiana, comprising the districts of Demerara and Essequibo, with the settlement of Berbice, is all the territory in her possession there. In Brazil, as in most of the other South American countries, the continued officious intermeddling of the British government is looked upon with a jealous eye. The Emperor of the Brazils has in his last address, at the opening of the General Assembly, strongly protested against her interference in her slave trade. While he expresses his determination to suppress the traffic, he energetically declines against the course pursued by the English Parliament in relation to their treatment of suspected Brazilian vessels. The Republics of the Rio Plata have their grievances, and those not actually engaged in the civil dissensions distracting that unhappy region, express in the strongest terms the sentiments of President Polk, "That European interference cannot be tolerated in the affairs of the Western Continent." Throughout the length and breadth of the central and western republics there is a general mistrust of English diplomacy; and in some of these countries too, in Chili and Peru especially, where preference has hitherto been given to English mediation on account of mercantile interest, that preference is rapidly being done away with, as they deal more and more largely with American merchants and American manufactures. Their mines, at least many of their principal ones, hitherto worked by English capital, are now in American hands; they find the American fabrics cheaper and better

for their own wants; they see our whaling vessels in every port—our men-of-war veiling in discipline with any in the world—and as they gradually disengage themselves from English responsibilities, say with pride, "We, too, are republicans."

Besides all this, their ancient prejudices are anti-English. At the time they were engaged in their struggle for independence from the thralldom of Old Spain, England was considered an ally of their enemies. Assisting in the wars against France, she indirectly assisted the armies of Spain against the republican cause, by enabling her to employ troops on the western continent, and to this day the French are viewed as allies, the English as inimical to their interests. In every point of view, the sympathies of every country in South America are with the United States, and are rapidly increasing, while, day by day, the power, the trade, and the influence of Great Britain, is proportionally diminishing. The Atlantic is the wide boundary ere long to separate the two great exhibitions of national government, one on the broad democratic ground of equality, and the other that the few are born to rule the many. The workings of the two great systems will be the rivalry of the East and West. Let England, if she will, essay to lead the kingdoms of Europe, in wealth, in manufacture, in talent, and in power; but by birth, by wealth, by domain, by her republican model copied in the organization of numerous independencies, the United States is entitled to hold, as she ever will, the prominent influence over the destinies of the Western Continent.

We are a great people. APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.—We are pleased to observe that the President has at length yielded to the overwhelming demand of the people, and promoted a number of those gallant officers who distinguished themselves upon the fields of Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma. We say we are pleased with these promotions. We are pleased with them, because the men upon whom the laurels have been cast, nobly deserve to wear them; and we doubt not that they will never allow them disgracefully to fade or wither.

Although well pleased with these appointments, we are not satisfied with a cessation here. Neither are the people satisfied with the snail-like manner in which the government have proceeded in making them. There are still many more who deserve promotions, and who ought to have them immediately, before the patriotism of the government should be suffered to cool, and the war be concluded. Among the many brave officers who honored themselves, and the flag under which they fought, by their bravery, we may mention Captain Hawkins, the gallant defender of Fort Brown, after he from whom it was named had died gloriously in his country's service. Also, Capt. May, who splendidly charged the Mexican batteries. Also, Captain Duncan, who so gallantly led his artillery in the battles of the 8th and 9th, and braved all—which cost the life of the lamented Ringgold. Also, Captain Paige, who has become maintained, probably for life, in his country's service. We might go on, but these are sufficient. We have only to say that there is a strong feeling abroad, which wishes the immediate promotion of these gallant officers, and we trust that the government will not act in such opposition to this wish as to refuse this most just and proper demand.

We feel it our duty to say a word for the brave subalterns and soldiers who distinguished themselves, and practically sustained their country's honor by their bravery. In the campaign of the Sutlej, many privates and non-commissioned officers were raised from the ranks, upon the spot where they showed themselves to be men of courage. Our brave subalterns and privates, we are sorry to say, have been too much neglected. Among the former who most deserve the attention of the government, we would mention the names of Corporal O'Sullivan, Sergeant Major Malony, Sergeant McCabe, and Corporal Farrel, who distinguished themselves by their bravery upon the field of Resaca de la Palma, and whose names are so honorably mentioned in the official despatches. These, and many other brave fellows in the rank of non-commissioned officers, deserve immediate promotion.

We see that Congress has been gravely considering the propriety of voting an extra month's pay of seven dollars to the privates who fought so bravely at the brilliant battles. These men, who perilled their lives in their country's defence, are to be rewarded thereof with the enormous sum of seven dollars. This is to be considered the price of a soldier's courage. What absurdity. Instead of giving them an extra month's pay, which would tend to disgrace more than elevate them, by making the consideration entirely pecuniary, let Congress direct that silver medals should be struck off, in commemoration of the battles and their courage, and each of the privates be presented with one. This would create an honorable and patriotic feeling, which money could never do, and give to the soldier something upon which he could look in his declining years to remind him of his country's gratitude.

We hope, as we said before, that the government will attend to these various matters before their desire to reward valor is allowed to cool off by Congress, the great ice-house of patriotism in America. Even Mr. Owen's bill for the relief of the army of occupation from the payment of letter postage, has not passed. Seven dollars a month is enough for fighting men, without extra kickings, in the estimation of members of Congress, who mean to keep the franking privilege to themselves. They, it would appear, wanted to keep the heroes of Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma out of honor's way and from the corrupting influence of money.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS. Before Recorder Scott and Alderman Welch and Stenall. JOHN McCORMACK, Esq. District Attorney.

July 10.—Case of Benjamin McKee.—The trial of Benjamin McKee, charged with the murder of John Smith, for forgery in the 3d degree, in having obtained money on the Mechanics' Banking Association, to which the name of Mr. Smith was affixed, was resumed at the opening of the Court.

On the part of the accused it was contended that his employer had left him the check in question to be cashed, and that the cashier might see to it that, although the check had been cashed, it was not a particular demand against his employer, during the absence of the latter, he had filled one up and drawn the money overboard from a steamboat, while engaged in a remittance for his services for a period of about 20 months, during which time his compensation had been very limited. It was further contended that no forgery had been committed, as the check was not cashed until after the check had only done what the complainant had authorized him to do, and had left the checks for that object.

After an able argument in behalf of the accused, the District Attorney addressed the jury at considerable length on the part of the prosecution. The case was then submitted to the jury, under the usual charge of the Recorder, and after a short consultation, the jury found the accused guilty, but recommended him to the mercy of the Court.

Case of Edward Morris.—In the case of this person, who was indicted for manslaughter, in having caused the death of a colored man named John West, by throwing him overboard from a steamboat, while engaged in a scuffle with him on the 4th of June, 1845, the accused having pleaded guilty to the indictment, was remanded to prison.

Case of John Henry.—In the case of John Henry, indicted for breaking into the dwelling house of a Mr. Brewster, and stealing therefrom silverware, it was alleged to be worth \$500, the accused entered a plea of not guilty, and was committed to the State Prison for the term of three years.

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